

COMMON COUNCIL
JULY 7, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street.

Mayor Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Thevenow, Creech, L. Dattilo, Rampy, Chatham, Bartlett, and D. Dattilo (7-0).

MINUTES:

Bartlett made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes, seconded by Thevenow. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Courtney read proclamations for Distinguished Citizens honoring Jacqui-Eaglin Robinson and Joyce Park. Both of these ladies developed face masks that are handmade and are attempting to make enough for every citizen in the City of Madison.

Captain Paul Nicholson made a presentation to the council announcing that the 5 to the 5 Vintage Committee is working toward establishing a National Boat Racing Heritage Center in the City of Madison. Those members are President Rob Holt, Dave Johnson, Cary Strauss and Michael Fine. The committee not only wants to promote boat racing but also preserve its rich heritage. The center will be more than just a museum but also a place where you can learn to restore a boat or even how to drive one. A vintage hydroplane has been gifted to the group and will be the centerpiece of the center.

RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS:

BILLS ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA

This ordinance calls for a section from 416 to 427 Cragmont Street being changed from being zoned local business to medium density residential.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Thevenow reported that the Traffic Committee had met and discussed several concerns from citizens. Mayor Courtney and Chief Wallace were there to also help work on solving the various concerns. Subsequent meetings will be held.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Chief of Staff Mindy McGee reported that the work with the 2021 budget work is ongoing and that the meetings with the department heads are completed. The exact tax revenue is unknown at this point. A performance review will be conducted by McGee and the Mayor with the department heads with a full review planned at the end of the year. All the paperwork has been completed for the Community Crossing Grant. We are now waiting for confirmation from INDOT and the funding. The temporary jobs with the Community Outreach Program have all ended. Most workers have transitioned back to their old jobs, taken new jobs or will remain with the city in full and seasonal capacities. The city is reaching out to local service organizations to continue the city's outreach of delivering groceries and prescriptions. The second round for the Community Crossing Grant is on hold until the Fall to reevaluate the revenue coming in due to the Covid shutdown.

Chief Wallace reported that he attended the Traffic Committee meeting. One of the solutions discussed for the problem with speeding was to use speed tables. Speed tables are a more gradual riser versus a speedbump. Some may be tried in a few areas. There will be two new officers starting next month. There were 63 arrests in May and 92 in June. Wallace attributed the increase as a result of the suppression team's excellent. Wallace expressed his pride for the force and their dedication. On June 16 there was an SOP review. Courtney expressed his appreciation for the police force and also felt the foot and bike patrols were doing great.

Parks director Pennington issued a written report and said there would be a Stellar progress report coming soon from OCRA.

BILLS ON SECOND READING:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-7 (THEVENOW)
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Thevenow made a motion to suspend the rules and move to the third reading, seconded by Chatham. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

BILLS ON THIRD READING:

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Roll call vote: Rampy – Y, D. Dattilo – Y, Chatham – Y, Thevenow – Y, L. Dattilo – Y, Bartlett – Y, Creech – Y. Ordinance No. 2020-7 is passed (7-0).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Citizen Wayne Engle asked about the progress of a downtown grocery store. Mayor Courtney assured Engle that the Redevelopment Commission and Director Matt Wirth are working hard to get one.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Courtney expressed his hope for open government and more participation from the citizenry. All are invited. Courtney also expressed his concern that social media is not always the best outlet to use and thanked all who were at the meeting tonight. The drive-in movies have been a big success. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridge approach went great as well as the 4th of July celebrations, fireworks and music festivals. Courtney thanked Governor Holcomb for Stage 4.5 and expects Stage 5 in a couple in a couple weeks. The Board of Public Works approved 3 contracts Monday. One was with Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz for right of way engineering for Clifty Drive, one with Lightning Bug Theatre for Movies in the Park and the third with Sherman, Barber and Mullikin for a water rate study. Courtney then held a moment of silence for Officer Jeremy Cox who is battling brain cancer.

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall.

D. Dattilo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rampy. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

APPROVED:

President Pro Tempore,

Rick Berry, Clerk-Treasurer

